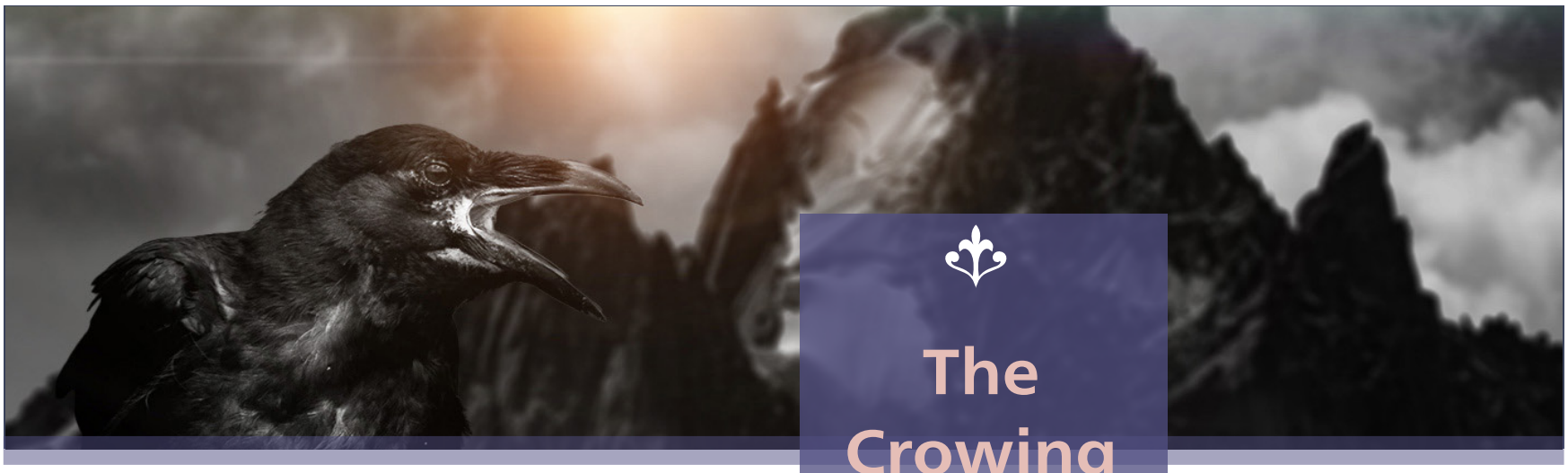

The Crowing Naysayers

The munafiqin and those who follow them try, at every turn, to diminish jihad and its people. They do not forfeit any opportunity to slander jihad and the mujahidin. They rush to lash out with their backbiting and fault-finding tongues, or to whip out their pens with enmity and hatred. They are as described by Ibn Kathir, may Allah have mercy on him:"“No one, under any circumstance, is safe from their whispering and criticism." Truly they join others in crowing against the believers.

Today, many of those hide behind the appearance of advisors and sympathizers, and present themselves as wise and considerate until time exposes their true selves and their evil intentions. When these individuals take off their disguises and move from hiding into full view, they plunge deeper into the trenches of hypocrisy and enmity toward those on the truth. They become a loud mouthpiece for the kaffir and murtadd governments, repeating what they say, distributing what they distribute, when initially they claimed enmity towards them. However, when their desires come to match the desires of these governments, and their interests overlap, they adopt their path and walk alongside them in shared sentiment.

Taking advantage of current events, as they lie in wait to slander those on the truth, is an old trodden path that was also taken by the mushrikin of Quraysh with the Messenger of Allah ﷺ. For they attributed the impact the verses of the Qur'an had on people to "magic and witchcraft", painted the Prophet's ﷺ dawah and international message as an aspiration for "power and chiefdom", considered the Prophet's ﷺ condemnation of the worship of idols as an "insult to leadership and belittling of symbols", treated the Prophet's ﷺ call to tawhid and al-Wala wal-Bara as a call to disharmony between the members of one tribe, and many more such lies and malicious stories.

Therefore, it was not strange to see the munafiqin follow in their footsteps when the Prophet ﷺ established the Islamic State in Madinah. Truly, the kuffar and munafiqin are cut from the same cloth, even if they are different in color and language. Observe their leader "Bin Salul" as he took advantage of the Prophet's ﷺ refusal during the battle of Uhud – in regards to leaving Madinah, versus staying put and fortified there -and is using this as an excuse to withdraw a third of his army, letting down Muslims in these harrowing conditions. Or consider how some of them slandered the mother of all believers, and the wife of the Messenger, 'Aishah – may Allah be pleased with her – when they spread rumors about her, until Allah declared her innocence in a revelation in Surat an-Nur of His Holy Book, thus exposing them to everyone and treating them in dunya as they deserved. He made an example of them for those who came after them, by showing people their lies and declaring them for what they truly were.

Included in the antics of slandering the believers is what happened when the Sahabah abided by Allah's and the Prophet's ﷺ commands and presented themselves, rich and poor, to give alms, seeking to obey and please Allah the Almighty. The munafiqin then maligned both sides! The whispered about those who donated large sums of money and accused them of pretension, while they mocked those donating smaller sums saying that Allah could do without their contributions! Regarding this, interpreters of the text said: This was also among the disgraceful acts of the munafiqin. For they, may Allah punish them, do not miss an opportunity to spew hatred and animosity towards Islam and Muslims.

This approach has been passed down father to son, hater to hater, and no generation, in which those upon the truth have lived alongside those upon sin, has been free of it. It is one of the pages that depicts the scenes of conflict amongst them. It is not strange to see it being repeated in our time, with new methods and modern shapes but with ancient motives and inherited resentments. Today, we see the munafiqin and their pundits center stage on satellite channels, newspapers, and websites, working hard around the clock, lying in wait for anything to come out of the mujahidin, studying every word, every phrase, every movement, to find something with which to distort, impeach or antagonize the mujahidin. They are always looking for something with which to put out the flames of rage and rancor that are concealed in their hearts but are exposed through the slip of their tongues. Many of them attempt to present as "neutral" or "advisors" or "conciliatory", when in fact, they are corruptors, Allah the Almighty described them in His Book: "Indeed, it is they who are the corruptors, but they fail to perceive it." Ibn Kathir said: "It is this they depend upon. They claim reform when it is the heart of corruptions, but due to their ignorance they do not see it as corruption."

Many of these munafiqin who lie in wait, and about whom the Prophet ﷺ warned, and exposed their characteristics, desire to divert the mujahidin from as-Sirat al-Mustaqim – the path upon which they have endured difficulties, seeking the pleasure of the Almighty. This same path the munafiqin abandoned and could not endure because it held them back from the desires of their souls and the pleasures of their dunya, thus choosing this mortal life over the eternal one. This was not enough for the munafiqin who want the mujahidin to stray off their path as they strayed off theirs, and to be diverted from jihad as they diverted, making them alike! They convinced their jealous souls that they are upon something good, so they lash the mujahidin with sharp tongues, concealing their good deeds, or attributing them to others, while magnifying any error they make! They do this to assuage their decrepit souls unable to admit the bitter truth to themselves. Instead, they turn to picking on every mistake the mujahidin make, to criticize and slander them. Despite all their efforts, doubt and worry burrows in their heart, and the more they slander and deride the mujahidin, the more they moan in heartache, for they live an inner struggle that will never end! Allah the Almighty said: "Whoever Allah wills to guide, He opens their heart to Islam. But whoever He wills to leave astray, He makes their chest tight and constricted as if they were climbing up into the sky. This is how Allah dooms those who disbelieve."

As for the soldiers of the Khilafah, with insight, they continue upon the path of jihad. They care not for the munafiqin, the fallen, the naysayers, nor the crowers. They follow a heavenly path through which they seek the pleasure of Allah the Almighty alone, and prioritize His affairs over any other. They do not claim to be infallible for they are humans who are at times right, and at times wrong. Irrespective, they continue on the path of Tawhid and, by the will of Allah, will never abandon it. They munafiqin and naysayers can say what they like. They can distort words as they please. They can fill satellite channels, newspapers and websites with whatever distortions they want. None of this will change the truth. Allah will not renege on his promise to His worshippers, the mujahidin. He will disappoint the kuffar, the munafiqin and their followers. He will bring victory to those who believe in Him and who seek jihad for His sake. He will guide them down the paths of righteousness and as He, the Almighty, said: "As for those who struggle in Our cause, We will surely guide them along Our Way. And Allah is certainly with the good-doers." All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all creation.